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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
MAINE BRANCH
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Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council

I
This organization shall be called the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council.

II
Its object is to unite all of the parishes of this diocese in the two branches of mission work, domestic and foreign.

III
The officers of this Association shall be a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, an Educational Secretary, a Treasurer, a United Thank Offering Treasurer, a Supply Department Secretary, and an Advisory Board of not more than seven members. The officers and Advisory Committee shall attend to the different branches of missionary work and shall fill all vacancies that shall occur between annual meetings.

IV
This Association shall hold an annual meeting at the time and place of the annual Diocesan Convention, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, hearing reports of the parish secretaries, electing delegates to the general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and transacting such other business as may come before it. Each parish shall send not more than three delegates to the annual and quarterly meetings, one of whom should be preferably an officer. Each parish shall also send not more than two delegates from the Junior Auxiliary.

V
The President shall preside at all the meetings, and have a general knowledge of all the work that is in progress.

VI
One of the Vice Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President.

VII
The Recording Secretary shall give a notice of all meetings, keep a record of the same, and prepare the annual report.

VIII
The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and be responsible for newspaper notices.

IX
The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money sent to her for either branch of missionary work, and for the expense of the Association, and shall present a report at the annual meeting.

X
Five persons shall form a quorum at all meetings.

XI
This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the persons present.

Officers for 1928-1929

PRESIDENT, MRS. K. C. M. SILLS, *Brunswick*. ✓
1ST VICE PRESIDENT, MISS MARGUERITE OGDEN, 53 Clifton St., *Woodfords Station, Portland*.
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5TH VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. THOMAS RANDALL, *Calais*.
6TH VICE PRESIDENT, MISS MARY LOUISE ROWE, 57 Penobscot St., *Bangor*.
RECORDING SECRETARY, MRS. MERTON F. ROLFE, 301 Allen Ave., *Woodfords Station, Portland*. ✓
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EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY, MRS. ROBERT GAY, 10 Center St., *Waterville*.
TREASURER, MRS. FRED L. JOHNSTON, 117 Pine St., *Portland*. ✓

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MRS. HERBERT PAYSON, MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, 71 Bowdoin St., *Portland*.
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DIRECTOR, MISS LEONORA B. WILLIAMS, 11 McKeen St., *Brunswick*.

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CHURCH SCHOOL SERVICE PROGRAM

SUPERVISOR OF SERVICE PROGRAM, MRS. BAY E. ESTES, June St., *Portland*.
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TREASURER, BIRTHDAY THANK OFFERING, MRS. S. T. B. JACKSON, 181 Vaughan St., *Portland*.
BOX SECRETARY, MRS. WIDGERY THOMAS, 31 Pine St., *Portland*.
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Parish Branch Officers

- ASHLAND—President, Miss M. P. Nowland, Secretary, Mrs. Dexter Orcutt.
- AUBURN—*St. Michael's*—President, _____; Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Crawshaw, 66 Gamage Ave.
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- CALAIS—*St. Anne's*—President, Mrs. Agnes B. Randall, 84 South St.; Secretary, _____.
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- FALMOUTH FORESIDE—*St. Mary, the Virgin*—President, Mrs. Gilbert Oakley, R. F. D. 4, Portland; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Hammond, R. F. D. 4, Portland.
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- HULL'S COVE—*Church of Our Father*—President, Mrs. Laura White; Secretary, Miss Mary F. Brewer.
- LEWISTON—*Trinity*—President, Miss M. E. Crockett, 83 Drummond St.; Secretary, Mrs. N. Barrowclough, 127 Horton St.
- LIMESTONE—*Church of the Advent*—President, Mrs. Mark Phair; Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Huggard.

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- MACWAHOC—*All Saints'*—President, Mrs. F. E. Ames; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Ames.
- MARS HILL—President, Mrs. G. R. Fenderson; Secretary, Mrs. Viola Giberson.
- MILLINOCKET—*St. Andrew's*—President, Mrs. W. H. O'Connell; Secretary, Mrs. Stanley Bradley.
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- NORTHEAST HARBOR—*St. Mary's-by-the-Sea*—President, Mrs. Edwin Tracy; Secretary, Mrs. Lewis A. Wilson.
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- OLD ORCHARD—*St. John's-by-the-Sea*—
- OLD TOWN—*St. James'*—President, Mrs. J. H. Coffin, Bradbury St.; Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Jordan, 75 So. Brunswick St.
- PORTLAND—*Cathedral*—President, Mrs. Chas. F. Flagg, 70 Carroll St.; Secretary, Miss Caroline Burgess, 59 State St.
St. Paul's—President, Mrs. Richard Fenton, 279 Congress St.; Secretary, Mrs. S. H. Ridley, 31 Oxford St.
St. Stephen's—President, Mrs. C. Jackson, Stroudwater St., Westbrook; Secretary, Miss Edith Anderson, 5 Bramhall St.
St. Peter's—President, Mrs. J. W. Bailey, 31 Bates St., Woodfords Station; Secretary, Mrs. W. P. Norton, 667 Ocean Ave., Woodfords Station.
- Trinity—President, Mrs. E. A. Pressey, 119 Coyle St., Woodfords Station; Secretary, Mrs. Sarah B. Thorndike, 21 Rackliff St., Woodfords Station.
- SOUTH PORTLAND—*St. Alban's*—President, Mrs. John E. Leddy, 15 Mitchell Road; Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Cummings, 57 Surfside St.
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- RICHMOND—*St. Mathias*—President, Mrs. Annie Allard; Secretary, Miss Jane I. Harward, 51 Pleasant St.
- ROCKLAND—*St. Peter's*—President, —————; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Browne, 31 Gay St.
- RUMFORD—*St. Barnabas'*—President, Mrs. Wm. Willans; Secretary, Mrs. W. Lee, 213 Waldo St.
- SACO—*Trinity*—President, Mrs. Frederick Moody, 185 Pleasant St.; Secretary, Mrs. P. S. Towle, 51 Green St.
- SANFORD—*St. George's*—President, Mrs. Chris Tarvis; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Spencer.
- SEAL COVE—*St. Andrew's*—President, Mrs. R. Livingston Carson, Southwest Harbor; Secretary, Mrs. Clinton Gray, Seal Cove.
- THOMASTON—*St. John Baptist*—President, —————; Secretary, Mrs. J. Pillsbury.
- WATERVILLE—*St. Mark's*—President, Mrs. Robert Gay, 10 Center St., Secretary, Mrs. Robert Stubbert, 41 Redington St.
- WISCASSET—*St. Philip's*—President, Mrs. H. v. B. Nash; Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Kierstead.

Minutes of the Meeting

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at St. Luke's Parish House, Portland, on Thursday, May 24, 1928. The meeting was opened at 9.30 with prayer, by the President. The roll call showed 37 branches represented by over 200 officers, delegates and visitors. The minutes of the mid-winter meeting were read and approved and it was voted to omit the reading of the Annual Report of the Recording Secretary as the time for business was limited.

Reports of Corresponding, Supply and Educational Secretaries were read and accepted and a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Dewing for her splendid work as Educational Secretary and regret was expressed that she is leaving the Diocese of Maine and so will be unable to serve longer in this capacity.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. This report shows cash on hand at present time, \$717.70. The amount received during the year 1927 was \$1,896.73.

The United Thank Offering Treasurer received during 1927, \$1,584.55, while total offering to date is \$3,977.25, an increase of \$1,495 over the amount received for the same period of time during the last triennium. Moved and seconded this report be accepted.

Mrs. Adams reported that amount received for Corporate Gift \$687.67, this being \$187.67 more than we pledged.

The President's address followed and it was moved and seconded that recommendations be considered and adopted if possible. Mrs. Sills spoke of the death of Miss Tillotson and Mrs. Fisher of Massachusetts paid loving tribute to her memory.

Miss Ogden spoke of "The Book of Remembrance." This book contains the names of those women who, while in this life, gave of their prayers, time and money for the upbuilding of the church in Maine.

Moved and seconded that the committee for the Anna B. Ogden Fund be discharged with appreciation.

A letter was read by Mrs. Lewis from Sister Margaret Mary, who afterwards spoke in person for the House of the Good Shepherd. The roof being in bad condition pledges were made from the floor and \$300 was raised for shingling same.

The portrait of Bishop Brewster which is being painted will soon be finished. The cost will be \$500.

Mrs. John McElwain, chairman of the committee on appreciation, presented the following resolutions:—That thanks be extended to the Bishop and Mrs. Brewster for their hospitality and cordial greeting and to St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. Alban's and St.

Mary, the Virgin, for the registration tea; to Mrs. Flagg and her able associates who were in charge of the arrangements for the 50th anniversary; to St. Stephen's and Trinity for the delicious breakfast; to the Hospitality Committee of the Cathedral for their undivided attention to all. We also extend sincere thanks to all who contributed hospitality and entertainment to the many delegates and to everyone who assisted in any way towards the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Owing to the short time available for business, the reports of the Altar Society, Society of Isolated Church Women, Church Periodical Club, Church School Service Program, Girls' Friendly Society, and the Church Mission of Help, were not read, but printed copies of same were distributed.

The chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. Patterson, reported the re-nomination of all officers with the exception of the Educational Secretary, the name of Mrs. Robert Gay being presented for this office. Upon motion duly seconded the Secretary cast the ballot and the President declared all officers elected for the ensuing year. The members of the Bishop's Council are Miss Ogden and Mrs. Drake.

At 11.30 corporate communion was made in the Cathedral, when the "Book of Remembrance" was presented at the Altar and Bishop Brewster read the names of the members of the Auxiliary who had died during the past year. Bishop Brewster gave the address. The offering which amounted to \$120.00 was divided between the work under Miss Grace Denton in Japan and hospital work in Alaska where Miss Mary Burgess is situated.

After the service business was resumed and it was announced that Mrs. Payson, Mrs. Sills, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Nash had been elected as delegates to the Triennial. The alternates, Mrs. Purves, Miss Chadwell, Mrs. Pressey, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Berry. Mrs. Lucas will be the bearer of the United Thank Offering. The chair appointed Miss Chadwell Secretary for the Spirit of Missions.

Moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

At 1.30 luncheon was served at the Eastland Hotel, Bishop Brewster presiding. The speakers were Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Payson, Miss Grace Lindley, Nat. Ex. Sec., and the Most Rev. John Gardner Murray, D.D.

CLARA E. ROLFE, *Recording Secretary.*

Report of Corresponding Secretary

The Correspondence carried on this year has been greater than ever before. Three hundred and fifty-six notices of the two Quarterly Meetings and the Annual Meeting have been sent. 81 post cards, notices of Executive Board meetings and 4 notifying members of their appointment on Nominating Committee; 37 letters of varied character, 2 telegrams, and 1 Annual Report.

I wish to acknowledge the great assistance given the Corresponding Secretary by other members of the Board, although I have no actual record of the letters written by them.

EDITH C. TRICKEY.

Report of Recording Secretary

1927-28

During the past year, the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held three regular meetings as usual. The fall meeting was held with St. Saviour's Branch, Bar Harbor, in September. At the evening service, President Sills gave a most interesting address on the World Conference on Faith and Order, held during the summer of 1927 at Lausanne, Switzerland. At the business meeting, Miss Mabel Hicks of Dante, West Virginia, was the speaker. The Mid-winter meeting was held Feb. 6 and 7, 1928, with St. Mark's Branch, Augusta. The Rev. Mr. Patterson of Bar Harbor delivered the sermon at the evening service and at the meeting the following day, Mrs. Artley B. Parson spoke on conditions in Liberia.

Five board meetings were held during the year and in February, a conference for the officers was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Sills, in Brunswick, 18 officers being present. The Rev. A. T. Stray conducted the quiet hour and all privileged to attend were greatly aided, by a better understanding of our relationship to each other and of the value of the spirit of coöperation in all our work for the church.

In November Mrs. Arthur J. Gammack, a U. T. O. worker, came to Maine for six weeks, in the interest of women's work in the church. Many parishes were visited where she offered helpful suggestions for strengthening the working forces of the Auxiliary branches. Her survey closed with an all day session at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, all branches in the vicinity being invited.

This year ends the time allotted for the completion of the Corporate Gift and it is with great satisfaction that it is reported as being over subscribed.

The Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Maine, this year observes its 50th anniversary of organized service for Christ and His Church. May the women, in whose hands the future of this Auxiliary will rest, have the wide vision and loyalty to purpose which has characterized the women in the past and let us all keep in mind, that by our achievements is shown the measure of our faith.

CLARA E. ROLFE, *Recording Secretary.*

Report of Supply Department Secretary

Madame President and Ladies:

The following is a report of the Box Supply Secretary for the year 1927-1928.

	Advent 1927				Lent 1928						
	No. Boxes	Noe	McCabe	Center	Eagle Star	Christmas Boxes	Holy Apostles	Oneida Mission	St. Augustine St. Andrew's Missions	House of the Good Shepherd	Total
Ashland—Emmanual	2	\$ 2.00							7.00		9.00
Auburn—St. Michael's	1								6.00		6.00
Augusta—St. Mark's	1								20.91		20.91
Bangor—St. John's	2	50.00					42.85				92.85
Bar Harbor—St. Saviour's	2	37.80						33.02			70.82
Bath—Grace	3				40.00		58.43			47.34	145.77
Biddeford—Christ	2				9.00				7.45		16.45
Brownville Jct.—St. John's	2	11.00							16.05		27.05
Brunswick—St. Paul's	2	14.03							11.58		25.61
Calais—St. Anne's	3	18.48							20.10	82.21	120.79
Camden—St. Thomas'	1									75.00	75.00
Caribou—St. Luke's	1		9.62						6.45		16.07
Damariscotta	2				5.00				7.30		12.30
Exeter—Trinity	1								16.00		16.00
Falmouth Foreside—St. Mary's	2	18.01								15.00	33.01
Fort Fairfield—St. Paul's	2				9.91				11.56		21.47
Gardiner—Christ	3			25.00			25.43	19.95			70.38

Hallowell—St. Matthew's	2		4.53		16.64		21.17			
Houlton—Good Shepherd	2		8.48		4.83		13.31			
Hull's Cove—Church of our Father	2		21.30		12.76		34.06			
Lewiston—Trinity	1				16.32		16.32			
Limestone	1					12.42	12.42			
Lisbon Falls—St. Matthew's	2		7.11		6.56		13.67			
Mars Hill	2		2.00		14.80		16.80			
Millinocket—St. Andrew's	2		4.28		9.35		13.63			
Newcastle—St. Andrew's	1				8.84		8.84			
Northeast Harbor	4	4.87				100.09	129.59			
Old Town—St. James'	3			5.00	20.00		11.20			
Portland—St. Luke's	5	63.22	50.00	30.65	40.50	42.58	226.95			
St. Paul's	1					22.60	22.60			
St. Stephen's	2			8.00		12.36	20.36			
St. Peter's	4			2.00		5.16	2.00			
Trinity	2			9.00		20.64	17.00			
St. Alban's	1					3.30	26.16			
Presque Isle—St. John's	2	10.00				17.51	3.30			
Rockland—St. Peter's	2						27.51			
Saco—Trinity	3		9.94				16.87			
Sanford	1					12.72	4.12			
Seal Cove	1					7.70	26.78			
Thomaston—St. John the Baptist	1					7.27	7.27			
Waterville—St. Mark's	2	10.58				9.54	9.54			
Wiscasset—St. Philip's	2					7.00	17.58			
G. F. S.	1			5.00	14.24		19.24			
							3.65			
	84	\$239.99	\$69.56	\$25.00	\$172.85	\$10.00	\$298.63	\$463.46	\$385.11	\$1,665.60

BEATRICE OAKLEY, *Supply Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

From January 1, 1927, to December 31, 1927

Collection at Augusta	January 18	\$ 54.97
Collection at Portland	May 18	90.67
Collection at Bar Harbor	September 26	86.50
Ashland		14.00
Auburn		7.00
Augusta		130.00
Bangor		60.00
Bar Harbor		96.55
Bath		81.00
Biddeford		11.00
Brownville Junction		24.08
Brunswick		38.50
Calais		6.00
Camden		45.00
Caribou		38.00
Dresden Mills		3.00
Eastport		7.00
Falmouth Foreside		17.00
Fort Fairfield		60.00
Gardiner		160.00
Hallowell		18.00
Hull's Cove		9.00
Lewiston		8.00
Limestone		5.00
Lisbon Falls		17.00
Mars Hill		2.00
Millinocket		6.00
Newcastle		23.00
Northeast Harbor		72.00
Old Town		25.00
Portland, Cathedral		235.80
Portland, St. Paul's		15.00
Portland, St. Peter's		69.00
Portland, St. Stephen's		20.00
Portland, Trinity		31.00
South Portland, St. Alban's		18.00
Presque Isle		20.00
Richmond		4.00
Rockland		10.00
Rumford		7.00
Saco		10.00
Sanford		8.00
Seal Cove		12.00
Thomaston		5.00
Waterville		19.00
Wiscasset		15.00
Interest on bond for scholarship		96.66
Interest on bond for scholarship, estate of Alida C. Brown		50.00

Japanese Reconstruction	10.00
Individual contributions	25.00
Conference on Woman's work	1.00
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	\$1,896.73
Deposited Maine Savings Bank for Scholarship Fund	\$115.00
Mary Floyd Neely Scholarship Fund	
Principal held by the Trustees of Diocesan Funds	
Commonwealth Water Company, 5½%	\$1,000.00
Georgia Carolina Power Company, 5%	500.00
East St. Louis and Interurban Wa. Co., 5%	500.00
Williamsport Water Company, 5%	<hr/> 1,000.00
	<hr/> \$3,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

From January 1, 1927, to December 31, 1927

Traveling expenses of speakers	\$ 103.90
Postage and stationery	65.35
Printing programs	52.51
Diocesan Missions	35.00
House of the Good Shepherd	656.50
Epiphany offering to corporate gift Cathedral Haiti, St. Mark's School, Nenana, Alaska	115.85
Tuition for clergymen's daughters	150.00
Annual reports	85.00
Japanese reconstruction	10.00
Church Mission of Help	78.00
Special for Bishop of Alaska	60.00
Special for St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Va.	40.00
Bishop's Crusade	54.97
Corporate gift	12.08
Anna B. Ogden Fund	5.00
Rural work in the Diocese	5.00
Provincial delegate	10.00
Provincial assessment	10.00
Summer conferences	60.00
Expense General Executive Board	15.00
Deposit Maine Saving's Bank for scholarship fund	50.00
	<hr/> \$1,674.16
Balance January 1, 1927	\$ 513.95
Receipts December 31, 1927	<hr/> 1,896.73
	<hr/> \$2,410.68
Balance December 31, 1927	\$ 736.52
Disbursements December 31, 1927	<hr/> 1,674.16
	<hr/> \$2,410.68

BLANCHE L. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

Report of the President

While this is my report for one year only, it is well to recall that this is the end of another Triennium, and marks the fiftieth year of our Diocesan Branch. In view of the celebration of our Anniversary I am making my report briefer than usual. What has been accomplished in the last fifty years will be told at our luncheon; and we shall fittingly remember at our Corporate Communion those women who have made our past so memorable. As we think of them let us also remember Miss Emily Tillotson, Educational Secretary at the Church Missions House, who died about two weeks ago, for she gave practically her whole life to the service of the Church.

Some of you have sent in names for the Book of Remembrance; I hope you all will have an opportunity to see it. For along with gifts of missionary boxes and of money has been the greatest gift of personal service. What a wonderful thing it is that we can give part of our Thanksgiving offering at the Corporate Communion for Miss Denton, our own worker in Japan, and along with that how inspiring, if the Diocese could give a "gift of life" to help Miss Denton there. She has made such an appeal to us—for a worker to go to one of the outposts where she has recently labored. And also a part of the offering is to be given to the Bishop Rowe Foundation for work in Alaska—for there too the Diocese is represented by Miss Mary Burgess of Portland.

As you will recall, in 1925 the National Woman's Auxiliary gave as their Corporate gift the Bishop Tuttle Memorial, consisting of two houses for the training of women; one at Raleigh, North Carolina, for colored workers; and one in New York for the training of women missionaries home on furlough, for volunteers and other students. The house in New York has just been bought and is being put in readiness for use, and it is to be called "Windham" after the birthplace of Bishop Tuttle. The furnishing and upkeep of the main living room, form, as you know, our Memorial to Mrs. Anna B. Ogdem, our wise and beloved past president. You all may see here today the tablet that will be placed in the room. The inscription on it seems to sum up what she meant to us and what women like her have meant to the Church. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars, for ever and ever." Daniel 12-v. 3.

We are all grateful to Mrs. Nash, the chairman, and to Miss Beck, the Treasurer, and to the other members of the Committee for having finished their work so successfully, although I am sure that for them it was an act of loving service.

THE TRIENNIAL

The completion of the Triennium makes us pause to review for a moment the work of the last three years. Our Diocesan Branch made a Program based on the Resolutions, passed at the Triennial Meeting in New Orleans, and while we all realize that much more might have been done, specially for young people and in helping the Diocese meet its financial responsibilities to the General Church, I feel, on the whole, the Reports on the Program show that a good deal has been accomplished. It certainly proves that it is an advantage to keep before us definite stated objects; and as soon as our delegates return from the Triennial in Washington, a Committee will be appointed to plan and publish another Program for the next three years.

Our Corporate Gift has been generously completed—over a hundred dollars having been contributed more than the \$500 Maine pledged. Great credit goes to Mrs. D. W. Adams of Augusta, as Chairman. In my judgment, the greatest single advance in our work in Maine has been the gain in the United Thank Offering—not only a gain in money, but better still, in interest and in grateful devotion. Another gain has been in the greater observance of Co-operation in the Day of United Prayer, throughout the Diocese. Reports continually come in of how very much this means, specially in the smaller places. A marked improvement has been noticed in the prompt payment of and the increase in pledges. For the past two years every Branch has paid its pledges before December 31. This is very largely due to Mrs. Johnston, our Diocesan Treasurer, and to the splendid co-operation given her by the treasurers of the Branches.

I feel that the women of Maine, in common with the women of the whole Church, have felt the inspiration and thrill of the Bishops' Crusade. Much of the progress made in our work as shown in active service, has been due, it seems to me, to the emphasis on the spiritual side.

1927-1928

So far as the work for 1927-1928 is concerned, I feel that we have had a normal year. I wish there were time to mention the achievements in all departments, for to each belongs great praise for much hard work cheerfully and effectually carried on. But in as much as our Educational Secretary, Mrs. Dewing, is resigning, since her husband has been made President of the new American College in Athens, Greece, I feel that I want to call attention to the splendid service and stimulating leadership she has given in directing the Mission Society for the past three years. There have been more classes carried on, more books read, and the Church Missions

House reports more books bought in Maine than ever before. And furthermore, this year Mrs. Dewing has given most generously of her time in conducting Days of Intensive Study of "The Church Awake," all over the Diocese. I am sure we all join in best wishes to Mrs. Dewing and to her husband in their new and most important work.

The Executive Board has tried this year to emphasize personal consecration and the deepening of the spiritual life of its members; and with this thought in view, a Quiet Day was held at Brunswick at my house, with a Corporate Communion and very helpful addresses by the Rev. Arthur T. Stray. I wish that in every parish some similar Quiet Day could annually be held.

You all have received the leaflet of suggestions for Devotions at meetings — prepared by a Committee appointed last year with Miss Ogden as chairman; and I hope each Branch is using it regularly at the openings of its meetings. It is gratifying to report that other Diocesan Branches are incorporating some of its suggestions into similar devotional Programs.

Another outstanding event of the year was the visit of Mrs. A. J. Gammack of New York City, a United Thank Offering Field Worker sent to us for December. She visited twenty-two parishes and missions in nineteen different places — from Biddeford to Eastport to Houlton. Although her stay in each place was necessarily short and often interrupted by the activities of the Christmas season, from reports that have reached me, I feel very sure that greater interest and activity in Church work was aroused, and that the women in the Diocese were deeply impressed and inspired by Mrs. Gammack's own spiritual enthusiasm and service in the cause of the Church. Her report has been of great help to the Executive Branch in formulating its plans and we feel that she touched on one of our weak spots by emphasizing that most of us are all too parochially-minded and have not as yet caught the vision of being heart and soul a part of the whole great Church whose first duty is to carry Christ into all the world. Mrs. Gammack emphasized also the need of better trained leadership in every Branch. This gives me my opportunity to bring home again one ideal for every parish — that is — to send each year a delegate to the Concord or Wellesley Conference. For in no better way can trained leadership be brought into our Branches. Here in Maine, where we are so separated, so geographically aloof, we need such contacts almost more than does any other Diocese. Won't you please each of you take this seriously to heart?

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The House of the Good Shepherd at Gardiner under Sister Margaret Mary is a source of never failing interest to every woman in

the Diocese. As the result of your vote here last May, a Committee was appointed to find out in what way we could best help, and their decision was, that at least \$600 should be raised to pay for an assistant in the actual work of the house with a little left over for extras for the children. This was raised and I hope we can continue to give the \$600 and that you have expressed your interest on your pledge cards. Furthermore, this helps to carry out our work in Social Service, for this and our interest and very slight support in the Church Mission of Help are the only two definitely social objects which we support in that field which represents the second of Christ's commands of *service* to our fellow men.

ROUTINE MATTERS

As far as routine matters go we have had five meetings of the Executive Branch, two splendid Diocesan meetings at Bar Harbor in the fall and at Waterville in February. At the latter place very definitely was put into effect a new policy of having the luncheon served by an organization outside of our Church paid for by the delegates, thus allowing all the members of the local Branch to be present at the entire meeting. It seemed to me a great success. At Waterville also an instance of coöperation was shown by the presence of a National Girls' Friendly Society Field Worker, Miss Pratt, who spoke on the aims of that organization, emphasizing the importance of work among the young girls of the Church.

It is a joy to report that the Branch at Rumford has been reorganized as has also one at Southwest Harbor.

At the Provincial Synod in Boston the Woman's Auxiliary of Maine was represented and at the Provincial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Miss Marguerite Ogden was elected as the representative of the First Province on the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary. Maine has been greatly honored by having had two of our officers, Mrs. Payson and now Miss Ogden, serve on this Board.

The Epiphany Offering this year was given to the Kuling School in China, a school for the children of missionaries. We also paid our pledges to Miss Wood for the Boone library in Wuchang, China.

As I review the meetings of the year, I recall particularly the interesting talk on the Mountain Whites in Virginia by Miss Hicks; the thrilling description of the Church's work in Liberia by Mrs. Parson; and the very helpful summary of our own Diocesan Mission by the Rev. Mr. Patterson of Bar Harbor; and the never failing inspiration of the Bishop Brewster's Quiet Hour.

A year ago in my report I spoke of hoping to attend the World Conference on Faith and Order at Lausanne, to which my husband was a delegate. As you all know, we had that very wonderful ex-

perience and I only wish that I were able to give to you something of its spirit. This year our Woman's Auxiliary has specially stressed the great ideas of Peace and of Unity, and it was a rare privilege, indeed, to have witnessed the Conference at Lausanne where was taken probably the most important step in Christian Unity for 1500 years. The Conference showed, as it seemed to me, that the various Christian Communions had much more in common than was generally believed, and at all times and by every speaker, the keynote was, the faith in the living Christ. I hope that every member of the Woman's Auxiliary will follow with keen interest every step in this great move to more organic unity — remembering that, as in the attainment of international peace, first must come "the will to peace," so if each one of us has the "will to unity," some day Christ's kingdom on earth will no longer be a house divided against itself but will show forth that Unity for which He prayed "that they all may be one."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking forward to next year I recommend that we concentrate our attention on the following definite objectives. I am fully aware that these are suggestions only.

1. A Program for the next Triennium to which I have already referred.
2. Vice Presidents keep more closely in touch with the Branches in their districts, and the Branches look more to them asking them for direction and advice.
3. That instead of the mid-winter Diocesan meeting, district meetings take their place. The time of such meetings ought to be arranged so that Diocesan officers may attend them in turn — thereby making it possible for Branches to come in contact with other Branches more frequently, thus, working away from parochialism. We have to recognize that in our large Diocese such meetings are more practicable than one meeting in mid-winter for the whole Diocese. The Branches would still meet twice a year as before with delegates from all over the Diocese.
4. That the Parish officers be elected in the spring before the Diocesan convention for this reason: that the names of the officers in the Annual Report appear as sent in at this Annual Meeting — this list constitutes the mailing list for the year. If the officers are changed in the fall there is much confusion and delay in the mail. This new plan would make it much easier for the Diocesan officers to keep in touch with the proper people in the Branches.
5. That each one of us may remember in our prayers the approaching Triennium that the plans made in Washington may be

so guided by God "that in prayer and praise, in thought and will, in love and service to our fellow men" we may be drawn nearer to Christ.

We shall soon pass to the services for our fiftieth anniversary. I cannot refrain from expressing our gratitude to the very able Committee that has made such admirable plans and worked so hard for it.

Chairman, Mrs. Chas. F. Flagg, Portland; Mrs. Herbert Payson, Portland; Miss Marguerite Ogden, Portland; Mrs. Henry v. B. Nash, Wiscasset; Mrs. Weston Lewis, Gardiner; Mrs. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Mrs. Stuart Purves, Augusta; Mrs. Carlton, Bangor; Miss Leffingwell, Bar Harbor; Mrs. Barker, Presque Isle; Miss Edith Anderson, Portland.

It is interesting to note that not only Maine but Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont have within a year likewise passed their fiftieth milestone. We most heartily reciprocate all the good wishes we have received from them, as in life, it is a help to know that our sister Dioceses are our own contemporaries and that we are all growing in experience and we hope in service together. "Grow old along with me—the best is yet to be!" And Maine can say in the words of Longfellow on his fiftieth anniversary at Bowdoin—

"For age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself — tho in another dress."

EDITH L. K. SILLS, *President.*

Report of the Educational Secretary

Madam President, members of the Woman's Auxiliary:

This last year has been the most interesting that I have had since I came to Maine. Last summer the Woman's Auxiliary of Maine sent me to the Wellesley Conference, and I felt very strongly the duty and obligation to pass on to the Diocese of Maine what I could of all that I had received there. I suggested going to any parish and holding a Study Class on the book, "A Church Awake." I was green but enthusiastic. Nine such days have been held, in almost every case several parishes coöperating. What results there may be, of course no one can tell, but it was a very interesting experiment. Besides this I have spoken on Religious Education at four meetings.

I came directly in touch with so many Auxiliary branches that I thought it was unnecessary to send out a form letter and repeat

what I had said; so I sent personal letters to those parish branches that had not previously communicated with me. I have no doubt that the tabulated reports which have been sent in will show the Mission Study that has been done. I have found the response which I have had most encouraging, and it can be measured by a very simple but efficacious rule—the number of books ordered. These have more than doubled those taken last year which was the banner year up to date. And much other literature has been absorbed besides the "Church Awake."

When I came back from Wellesley I was much impressed with the value of pageants and plays—especially quite simple ones—in the life of the church, particularly for children and young people, and I urged this matter at Bar Harbor last fall. I have heard of seven churches having such plays or pageants during the year, and there may have been more. Wherever it has been done it has been successful and well worth the effort.

I have a little list of subjects on which I wish to touch very briefly but to recommend heartily: The Church Missionary Calendar; The Churchman's Calendar of Daily Bible Reading; The Woman's Auxiliary Manual; Pamphlet, "Prayer" by Evelyn Underhill; "The New Africa," mission study book for next year; Leaflet, "Suggestions for Devotions at Meetings"; The House of the Good Shepherd; The Wellesley and Concord Conferences. I urge every Parish to send a delegate to one or both of these. I cannot speak too strongly on the value of this. The whole parish will be the richer if the delegate does his or her duty, absorbs all he or she can, and passes it on to the home Parish.

In conclusion and on retiring from the office of Educational Secretary I feel like thanking you all for your unceasing patience with my inexperience, and for the delightful spirit of coöperation that I have found everywhere. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Educational Secretary. I should think anyone lucky enough to be invited to take this job would jump at it with open arms, for it is certainly one of the most interesting and stimulating and progressive and fundamental works of the Woman's Auxiliary.

EUNICE DEWING

Report of Treasurer of United Thank Offering

Report for year January 1 to December 31, 1927

Ashland, Emmanuel	\$ 10.10
Augusta, St. Mark's	184.83
Bangor, St. John's	46.00
Bar Harbor, St. Saviour's	23.00
Bath, Grace	47.38
Biddeford, Christ	23.42
Brunswick, St. Paul's	20.25
Camden, St. Thomas'	60.15
Caribou, St. Luke's	48.12
Fort Fairfield, St. Paul's	45.64
Gardiner, Christ	54.85
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's	14.30
Newcastle, St. Andrew's	38.91
N. E. Harbor, St. Mary's-by-the-Sea	24.25
Portland, Cathedral	511.45
Portland, St. Paul's	20.10
Portland, St. Stephen's	108.50
Portland, St. Peter's	9.00
Portland, Trinity	68.39
Presque Isle, St. John's	6.02
Isolated Church family	7.59
Saco, Trinity	5.00
Sanford, St. George's	18.00
Waterville, St. Mark's	66.20
Wiscasset, St. Philip's	37.30
Moose River	5.12
Limestone Church of the Advent	13.53
Falmouth Foreside, St. Mary the Virgin	35.82
Seal Cove	7.06
Mars Hill	10.66
Interest	15.29
Amount for year 1927	<hr/> \$1,586.13
Amount end of year 1926	1,584.55
Total, December 31, 1927	<hr/> \$3,170.68
Amount invested	<hr/> 2,350.00
Amount in bank	<hr/> \$ 820.68
Amount for quarter ending May 23, 1928	<hr/> \$ 795.55
Amount, February 7, 1928	<hr/> 833.42
Amount, May 23, 1928	<hr/> \$1,628.97
Amount invested	<hr/> 2,350.00
Total, May 23, 1928	<hr/> \$3,978.97

ELLEN LUCAS, *Treasurer.*

Corporate Gift

The sum of \$481.57 from twenty-eight branches of the Woman's Auxiliary has passed through the hands of your Diocesan Chairman for the Corporate Gift, and has been forwarded to the General Treasurer, Miss Winston, as fast as received. Mrs. Johnston has received for the gift \$206.10 from the Epiphany Offering, which she has forwarded to Miss Winston. This makes a total of \$687.67, which is \$187.67 more than we promised to give. This is, your chairman thinks, a most satisfying response, and was made possible only by the faithful work of the Vice Chairmen through the Diocese, to whom I wish to express my appreciation at this time.

FUNDS RECEIVED TO DATE FOR THE CORPORATE GIFT

Ashland, Emmanuel	\$ 4.00
Auburn, St. Michael's	1.00
Augusta, St. Mark's	42.00
Bangor, St. John's	12.70
Bear Harbor, St. Saviour's	12.00
Bath, Grace	20.00
Brownville Jct., St. John's	12.08
Brunswick, St. Paul's	8.72
Calais, St. Anne's	14.50
Gardiner, Christ	25.00
Hallowell, St. Matthew's	5.00
Lisbon Falls, St. Matthew's	10.00
Millinocket, St. Andrew's	6.40
Northeast Harbor, St. Mary's	30.00
Portland, Cathedral	185.00
Portland, St. Paul's	19.95
Portland, St. Stephen's	10.00
Portland, St. Peter's	6.00
Portland, Trinity	17.33
Rockland, St. Peter's	5.00
Saco, Trinity	4.00
Waterville, St. Mark's	14.89
Wiscasset, St. Philip's	16.00
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Epiphany offering	\$481.57
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Total	206.10
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	\$687.67

The amounts pledged at the Triennial for St. Agnes School, Kyoto; St. Mark's School, Nenana, Alaska; Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, have been completed. The amounts for the Church of the Nazarene, Livramento, Brazil; St. Timothy's Hospital, Cape Mount Liberia; Church at Baguio, Philippine Islands, have not been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE F. ADAMS,
Diocesan Chairman for Corporate Gift.

Report of Committee for Fiftieth Anniversary

The work of the Committee naturally fell upon the Portland members, as they were on the spot, but they always had the sympathetic coöperation of the out-of-town members who stood ready to do whatever was possible. Printed invitations with cards of application for the luncheon enclosed were sent to the diocesan clergy and their wives, diocesan officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, the president and secretary of each parish branch, the Bishops and diocesan presidents of the Province, the members of the National Executive Board, and to Maine women in the Mission Field and former officers and interested members of the Woman's Auxiliary living out of the State whenever their address was known.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, tea was served at the Bishop's House by the parishes of St. Paul's, St. Peter's, and St. Alban's. The usual breakfast was served Thursday morning at St. Stephen's Parish House by the parishes of St. Stephen's and Trinity. The business meeting followed at the Cathedral Parish House at 9.00 A.M. to allow for the change of hour in the Corporate Communion which was made a Festival Service with music at 11.30 A.M. with Bishop Brewster as preacher and celebrant assisted by the presiding Bishop, Dean Glasier, the Rev. A. E. Scott, the Rev. A. T. Stray, and J. A. Furrer.

Seven young women of the Cathedral served as ushers and presented the offering.

Miss Marguerite Ogden assumed the gigantic task of preparing a Book of Remembrance designed to preserve the memory of all women workers in the Church in Maine. Each parish had been asked to search its' records and send in the names of its members who had passed to the higher life. The book beautifully bound in red leather is so arranged that names may be added to it yearly as our history unrolls. This book was presented at the Festival Service and the Office of Commemoration read from it.

At 1.30 P.M. all repaired to the Eastland Hotel for the Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon. The issuing of tickets and assigning of seats were in the hands of Miss Edith Anderson and she managed this difficult task most successfully. The arrangements for the luncheon and the decoration for the tables were in charge of Mrs. W. W. Thomas and an efficient sub-committee.

The speakers for the luncheon were arranged in consultation with the Executive Board by Mrs. Herbert Payson, the committee urging that Mrs. Payson herself be one of the speakers and review her connection with the Auxiliary under five presidents. Other addresses were made by the Most Rev. John Gardner Murray, D.D., Miss Grace Lindley, National Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Sills, Bishop Brewster presided and introduced the speakers.

An historical sketch of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was prepared by request by Miss Mary B. Chadwell. This required much research and we are greatly indebted to Miss Chadwell for her scholarly and painstaking work. These pamphlets were sold for ten cents and the cost of publication nearly covered.

Another interesting feature of the celebration was a missionary exhibit in one of the rooms of St. Luke's Parish House in charge of Mrs. Mae Wheeler. China, Japan, and Alaska fields where Maine women are in service were represented by booths decorated with articles made in these countries, many of them from the missions themselves.

The expenses of the Fiftieth Anniversary were covered by contributions from the parishes and from private gifts amounting to \$159.55. We are deeply indebted to all who made the Fiftieth Anniversary a success, to our guests for their words of inspiration, to Bishop and Mrs. Brewster for their delightful reception, to the Press who gave good accounts of our meetings, to the ladies who furnished such a delicious tea and breakfast, to the hospitality Committee of the Cathedral Branch who met the increased demand on their resources with cheerfulness, and to Mr. Brinkler who arranged the beautiful music of our service.

My personal thanks are due to every member of this committee for her faithfulness and efficiency, to the Diocesan Executive Board, and to the President, Mrs. Sills, for their coöperation and active assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS CHARLES F.) EDNA P. FLAGG,
Chairman Fiftieth Anniversary Committee.

MRS. HERBERT PAYSON, Portland,
MRS. W. W. THOMAS, Portland,
MISS MARGUERITE OGDEN, Portland,
MRS. STUART B. PURVES, Augusta,
MRS. HENRY V. B. NASH, Wiscasset,
MRS. WESTON LEWIS,
MRS. —— CARLETON, Bangor,
MRS. LUCY H. BARKER, Presque Isle,
MISS MARY M. LEFFINGWELL, Bar Harbor.

Report of Altar Society

The Season of 1927-1928 of the Maine Altar Society, Silk Embroidery Department, opened on Tuesday morning, October 4, with eight active members. As no new orders had come in at that time work was resumed on the unfinished work of the previous season, and a white silk burse and veil was started for a Mission. A white silk stole was finished about the time Vermont was suffering such a loss from floods and with permission from our Bishop this stole was sent to the Rev. F. Knapp, Christ Church, Montpelier, Vt., who most gratefully acknowledged same. In December an order came from Hallowell for a red burse and veil which was immediately started. The latter part of December an order came from Bath for a white superfrontal, to be finished before Easter. A little later the Girls' Friendly Society, under Mrs. Tubbs, of Bath, ordered a green superfrontal to be finished as soon after Easter as possible. With these orders ahead and our promise given, extra meetings were held during Lent, resulting in all orders being finished.

The Board Meetings of the Women's Auxiliary were attended by a member, also the Synod held in Boston, October 25. These meetings proved a great benefit as well as very interesting. From a suggestion of Mrs. Sills, the President of the Auxiliary, a letter was sent each branch in the Diocese to arouse an interest and to enlist associate members. Two new active members were admitted during the season. Average attendance six. Finished work as follows:

One white silk stole, one white silk superfrontal, one green silk superfrontal, one red silk burse and veil, one purple silk stole.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE V. HARRIS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in bank May, 1927	\$ 33.35
Amount received during year	89.46
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	\$122.81
Expenditures	\$ 91.40
Balance May, 1928	31.41
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	\$122.81

JESSIE V. HARRIS, *Treasurer.*

LINEN DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand May, 1927	\$2.90
Paid out for postage	.70
Cash on hand May, 1928	\$2.20

Work for the year from May, 1927, to May, 1928
 Embroidery done in a Fair; Linen for Emmanuel Church,
 Ashland; Patterns sent to Central Maine Mission at Brownville
 Junction.

GEORGIANA M. JOHNSON, *Directress Linen Work.*

Report of the Society of Isolated Churchwomen

The past year has shown real growth in the work of this Society, not so much in numbers as in interest, increasing friendliness and coöperation.

The list of non-correspondents has been reduced to ten, three names having been transferred to the active list, which with the addition of three new names now numbers thirty-three (33) active members.

One hundred and twenty letters and cards have been written to members and fifty-five replies have been received, a marked increase over former years.

There are now three United Thank Offering boxes in use in the Society as against one box last year and there is good hope that one or two more will soon be needed.

During Lent we had eleven books in circulation, several being passed on from one member to another often accompanied by a note. With four exceptions these were Mission Study books received through Mrs. Sills, on China, Japan, "The World and I," "Little Mip Love," etc., and in this connection I should like to suggest that books which have been used in connection with Mission Study classes or Discussion Groups and which are no longer wanted could be sent to me for distribution among our isolated friends in Maine; this is a way of extending the Educational Work of the Church which might well appeal to us all.

Last May for the first time one of our isolated members was present at the Annual Meeting in Portland; at the Mid-winter Meeting in Waterville another member from Kineo Station was present, and two or three are now hoping to go to Portland for the Annual Meeting in May.

Some time ago a member expressed a wish for material for home study and at Miss Osgden's suggestion I sent her "The

American Church Home Department Quarterly"; she now writes that she is studying it "one lesson a day and finding it very helpful."

In addition to the books previously mentioned many Church papers, magazines, etc., have been distributed (in addition to those which are being sent by several members of the Auxiliary to addresses which have been furnished them by request), so the check for five dollars received last June from the Diocesan Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary to be expended for postage in connection with the work of this Society, and one dollar from Mrs. Sills for the same purpose, has been greatly appreciated and has been expended for this object.

ANNIE C. CHILD, *Correspondent,*
Society of Isolated Churchwomen.

Church School Service Program

As the activities of the Church School Service Program become better understood, the work increases. In 1927 report blanks were returned from twenty-three parishes, an increase of four over 1926. Six parishes report regular week day instruction and work.

Two programs outlining definite work for Church Schools in each month of the year have been sent out. The appeal for the Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship fund has met with a generous response. The children were asked to study either the Mountaineers or Alaska during Lent as our Christmas Box Work this year is to be divided between these places.

In October an institute under the Department of Religious Education was held in Aroostook County. I enjoyed being present at meetings in Houlton, Fort Fairfield, and Presque Isle where I explained the work of the Church School Service Program. One group meeting of Portland parishes was held at St. Luke's before Lent.

During the year, 1927, the boys and girls contributed to the work of the Church \$2,894.18. This was divided as follows: Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship, \$75; Lenten Offering, \$1,841.14; Birthday Thank Offering, \$91.52; Advent Offering, \$265.76; Little Helpers, \$56.10; Work in Five Fields (reported) \$564.66. They also provided for 350 children through 26 Christmas boxes. If we could have full reports from every parish in

the Diocese, I think we would find the work done is almost double what I can report to you or to New York.

MELLIE G. ESTES,
Chairman, Church School Service Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 1927, to December 31, 1927

Receipts

Balance on Hand January 1	\$13.96
Receipts from Church Schools	83.50
Bath	\$ 5.00
Bangor	6.00
Biddeford	10.00
Brownville Junction	5.00
Camden	5.00
Carbou	4.00
Hallowell	2.50
North East Harbor	2.00
Newcastle	10.00
Portland	
St. Luke's	10.00
Trinity	7.00
St. Paul's	5.00
Rumford	1.00
Wiscasset	7.00
Woodland	4.00
Little Helpers	5.00

	\$102.46

Disbursements

Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship	\$75.00
Birthday Thank Offering	1.00
National Budget Quota	12.50
Balance on hand December 31	13.96

	\$102.46

NOTE. The 1927 Advent Offering amounting to \$265.76 is not included as it was not received by the Treasurer until 1928. It will be included in report for that year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA A. ADAMS, *Treasurer.*

CHRISTMAS BOX WORK

The Christmas boxes from the Diocese of Maine, 1927, went to the following missions: St. Mark's, Wilson, North Carolina; St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Camden, Arkansas; St. Andrew's, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; St. Michael's, Cairo, Illinois. Boxes were also sent to two Missions in Maine, one at Jackman, Maine; the other to Central Maine Mission, Brownville, Junction. About 350 children were taken care of, making 700 gifts sent. The following parishes assisted: Bath, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Biddeford, Camden, Caribou, Falmouth Foreside, Gardiner, Hallowell, Houlton, Fort Fairfield, North East Harbor, Portland (St. Luke's, St. Alban's, Trinity, St. Stephen's, St. Peter's), Presque Isle, Millinocket, Limestone, Waterville, Wiscasset, Woodland, Saco, Rumford, Brownville Junction.

ZELLA BRIDGE THOMAS, *Secretary.*

BIRTHDAY THANK OFFERING

The Birthday Thank Offering receipts for 1927 were as follows:

Caribou	\$ 5.00
Wiscasset	16.00
Biddeford	9.00
Rumford	1.30
Bar Harbor	18.83
Ashland	2.26
Woodland	3.55
Fort Fairfield	4.35
Bangor	10.59
Portland: St. Luke's	12.05
Trinity	3.72
So. Portland	4.87
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	\$91.52

ELIZABETH W. JACKSON,
Secretary, Birthday Thank Offering.

LITTLE HELPERS

Amount Received from Boxes

Bangor	\$25.22
Gardiner	6.21
Wiscasset	3.20
Old Town	4.13

Portland: Trinity	7.17
St. Paul's	10.17
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	\$56.10
<i>Distribution of Money</i>	
House of Good Shepherd	\$10.00
Pauline Austin Osgood Scholarship	5.00
Sent to National Council	41.10
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	\$56.10

MARIAN EMERSON, *Secretary*.

Church Service League

Chairman, MRS. FREDERICK E. DRAKE, Bath, Maine
Secretary, MRS. HAROLD LEE BERRY, 97 State St., Portland, Me.

The following are condensed reports of the Girls' Friendly Society, Church Periodical Club, Church Mission of Help.

The Girls' Friendly Society

The outstanding event in G. F. S. history for 1927 was our National 50th Anniversary. We in Maine felt that we were particularly fortunate to have the celebration of this event held in Boston, in November, and about twenty of our membership were present for all or part of the week's events. Two main impressions seem to have been brought back from Boston; one the realization, as never before, of our membership in a National organization (at whose 50th celebration members from every state in the Union were present), and the other, the wish and determination to have our G. F. S. in Maine count for a larger proportion of that organization in the future.

The reports from the separate branches for 1927 give the following interesting and encouraging totals: 15 active branches, and one inactive; with a total membership of 475; during the year gifts were made to purposes under the Church, both in supplies and money, amounting to \$555.00 and to purposes outside the Church to the amount of \$161.25. 15 members were confirmed, 56 new members admitted to the society, and from 30 to 35 various activities were carried on, ranging from classes in dancing, handcraft and personal religion to outdoor sports, dramatics and the making of neighborhood surveys. In other words, the G. F. S. is not just a sewing circle, not just a missionary society or a social club, but an organization of girls and women whose one purpose is that of building character towards Christian womanhood, and whose development of this object takes many different forms.

With this objective, and with the incentive of 50 years of national achievement behind us, we are looking forward to new goals of accomplishment in the future. Great credit and gratitude is due to those who, in the past, have built up the strong G. F. S. organization in Maine; for future growth, we are counting on the loyal and loving service of churchwomen throughout the state, and especially in the many places where we are only awaiting the proper leader to begin work at once.

FRANCES ARNOLD, *President.*

Report of the Church Periodical Club

Much work is being done by the Church Periodical Club in many ways. Many magazines are going out to individuals, and to institutions; also Prayer Books and Hymnals, Catechisms, Tracts, Christmas and Easter Cards, Calendars, and Games, also Books — theological and secular. Endeavors are made to assist Rev. Robert Gay in his wonderful rural work, and many packages, boxes and barrels have been sent him. Postal rates are still excessive, but parcel post and kindness of friends who have automobiles, helps solve our difficulties.

There are many needs, at home and abroad. St. Paul's Library, Tokio, Japan, is one of the Church Periodical Club's responsibilities, and it is wished that each parish in our diocese might collect a little money, sufficient to add one volume to this library.

The Valle Crucis School for girls at Ashville, N. C., is doing excellent work, and Easter cards and Christmas cards, also maps and reference books are gladly received; or money to buy them.

It is impossible to estimate the blessedness of the work of the Church Periodical Club in our American Church. Let us strive hard to do our part.

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Report of Church Mission of Help

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In looking over the work of the C. M. H. for 1927 it will be remembered that the new organizing Field Secretary, Mrs. Little, began her duties in the Portland office on April 1 after a three months special training in N. Y. at the National Headquarters, and immediately took over the nineteen cases carried since the

time of Miss Howe's resignation the previous September (1926). Meeting of representatives of all social service work in the city were held twice a month during the year and problems of our girls were discussed and advised upon. These case conferences were very beneficial and helpful and the attendance was 100%. Through these and other coöperating agencies 11 *new cases* were reported to and handled by the C. M. H.

On November 15 Mrs. Little resigned to take a position with the city. The Executive Committee has under consideration a Field Secretary now in training at the N. Y. office and hopes to be able to have her in Maine very soon.

Contributions from the W. A. have increased and the Civitan Club of Portland has just sent us a very generous check in recognition of our particular work.

That C. M. H. has definitely established itself in the social work of Maine, and that it is coöperating and not overlapping, is determined by the fact that *all* social service agencies recognize its power for spiritual healing and helpfulness, and pray that the work may go on.

Respectfully submitted,

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Portland Y. W. C. A.; Boston Y. W. C. A.; C. M. H. in other dioceses; Individuals in C. M. H. groups; House of the Good Shepherd, Gardiner; Church Home Society, Boston; New England Home for Little Wanderers; State Department Charities and Corrections; State Department of Health; State Hospital for Insane; State School for Girls; Portland Overseers of the Poor; Physicians, Private, City, County, State; Family Welfare Organizations; Temporary Home, Portland; Cumberland County Public Health Organization; School Officials; District Nursing Association; Portland Day Nursery; City Dispensary; State Reformatory for Women; Health Centers; Hospitals; Boston Children's Aid; Portland Traveller's Aid; Portland Police Department; Portland Municipal Court; Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

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Mary Floyd Neely Memorial Scholarship Fund

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Diocesan Funds in the Diocese of Maine, a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of Maine, the sum of Dollars in trust, nevertheless, as follows:

Said Trustees to invest and reinvest said sum and to pay over the income of the same annually to the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary in said Diocese of Maine for the education of the daughters of clergymen in the Diocese of Maine.

In the event that said Woman's Auxiliary shall at any time cease to exist, or there shall be no Treasurer of the same, said Trustees may pay over the income of said fund to the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, for the purpose set out as aforesaid.